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- **I. AUTHORITY.** The Board of Corrections is vested with the authority to promulgate Administrative Regulations by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-27-105, 16-93-1203, and 16-93-1205.
- **II. APPLICABILITY**. To all offenders and Department of Correction and Department of Community Correction (Department) employees, especially those involved in the operation of segregation areas.
- **III. POLICY.** The Department will provide secure and safe housing for offenders who require a higher degree of physical control or who staff otherwise find necessary to remove from the general population of the facility.

IV. DEFINITIONS.

- **A. Offenders.** Inmates and residents of Department correctional facilities.
- **B.** Segregation. The confinement of an offender to a cell or holding facility that is separated from the general population.

V. GUIDELINES.

- **A.** An offender may be confined in segregation for, but not limited to, the following reasons:
 - 1. The offender is potentially dangerous to himself or others;
 - 2. The offender poses a serious escape risk;
 - 3. The offender requests protection or is deemed by staff to require protection;
 - 4. The offender requires immediate mental health evaluation and cannot be in contact with general population offenders;



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- 5. The offender requires medical isolation and medical housing is not otherwise available;
- 6. Any other circumstances where, in the judgement of staff, the offender may pose a threat to the security of the facility; or
- 7. The offender is in transfer status to a higher security institution.
- **B.** Segregation of an offender shall not be used as punishment except as a result of a due process hearing. When feasible, an offender who is segregated for reasons other than punishment or discipline will be allowed privileges similar to those allowed the general population.
- C. Specific procedures to be followed for operation of the segregation area must be developed and provided to appropriate staff.